

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lutnick, et al.  
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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE  
LIQUIDITY AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR  
ILLIQUID ITEMS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to substantive examination of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks being on page 9.